(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1985–86 के दौरान भारत में उनकी कुल संख्या कितनी थी और वर्ष 1989 की समाप्ति पर उनकी संख्या कितनी थी ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुजराल) : (क) बंगलादेश से लगभग 23000 चकमा शरणार्थी मई से अगस्त 1989 की अवधि के दौरान भारत आए हैं। इन शरणार्थियों का आना जारी है लेकिन आने वाले शरणार्थियों की संख्या कम होती जा रही है।

(ख) 31 दिसम्बर, 1986 को भारत में चकमा शरणार्थियों की संख्या 31,684 और 31 दिसम्बर, 1989 को 69,800 थी।

Authentication of Document by the Consul General in New York

1990. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Ambassador in U.S.A. has recently referred to the Government of India, paper relating to the authentication by the Consul General in New York of documents purporting to show that Shri Ajeya Singh has violated India's foreign exchange regulations; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) The Embassy of India, Washington has forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs reports on the attestation of signatures by the Consul General of India in New York. The whole question is under verification.

Racket of Forged Passport in Delhi

1991. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a racket of forged passports, visas in Delhi has been unearthed in February, 1990; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): Five forged passports having forged U.S. Visa were recovered by Delhi Police from an Afghan National who had come to collect, tickets from a travelling agency. A case FIR No. 76 dated 13-2-90 u/s 420/468/471/120-B IPC, Police Station, Connaught Place, was registered against him and four other Afghan nationals. All of them were arrested.

Punjab Militants Call

1992. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Statesman dated 22nd January, 1990 under caption 'Punjab militants call for unity';

(b) if so, whether some underground Khalistani militant groups in Punjab are unitedly heading for their political goal of Khalistan;

(c) if so, whether Government have since taken/propose to take any steps to defuse the activities of the undergrcund Khalistani militant groups in Punjab; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) According to information available while all militant organisations proclaim 'Khalistan' as their goal there is nothing to suggest that they are united in their activities.

(c) and (d) The State Government have taken a number of steps to curb the activities of the various militant groups including strengthening of the border out-posts and deployment of BSF and other paramilitary forces along the border and in the affected areas, and establishment of SPO posts in the villages. The Central Government is extending all assistance as and when required. Discussions have also been held with leaders of various political parties to find a solution to the problem.

Attacks on Passengers on South Bound Trains

1992-A. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that attacks on the passengers are increasing in South bound trains; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take adequate steps to give protection to the passengers travelling in these trains to Kerala and other parts of the Southern States from New Delhi/Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime on the railways is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police which functions under the control of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Information regarding crime on railways is not compiled separately by the central agencies. The Government of India have no information to indicate that attacks on the passengers in South bound trains are on the increase.

(b) Government Railway Police provides escorts on Super Fast/Mail Express Trains according to the local conditions and requirements. Railway protection Force also assists the Government Railway Police in this task as and when necessary.

The Railway authorities also hold co-ordination meetings with the Government Railway Police authorities of various States for ensuring proper escorting of passenger trains. As and when any deterioration is noticed in the law and order situation in any particular area and the matter is immediately taken up with the concerned police authorities.

Incidents of explosion in Jayanti Janata Express

1992-B. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some incidents of explosion has been reported in Jayanti Janata Express;

(b) if so, the details of the persons killed and injured separately;

(c) whether incidents of bomb blast or explosion are on the increase in passenger trains;

(d) whether Government propose to take some stern steps to prevent such incidents in future to ensure safe journeys to the passengers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime on the railways is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police which functions under the control of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. It is for the Government Railway Police of the State where the bomb blast took place to register and investigate the case and take appropriate action.